REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendments and following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are pending. By this Amendment Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 13, and 15 are amended and Claims 26-28 are canceled. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments. The claims are amended to clarify that the reservation information display division refers to reservation information display 122G and the reservation time frame display division refers to reservation time frame display division 122H.

In the July 28, 2006 Office Action, Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15 and 19-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,392,669 to Matoba et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,351,765 to Pietropaolo et al., Claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Matoba et al. and Pietropaolo et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,414,686 to Protheroe et al., Claims 6, 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Matoba et al., Pietropaolo et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,538,665 to Crow et al and Claims 26-28 were rejected as unpatentable over Matoba et al., Pietropaolo et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,353,794 to Davis. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Before considering the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103, it is believed that a brief review of the subject matter of the independent claims would be helpful. In this regard, independent Claim 1 is directed to a reservation registration apparatus for performing a reservation registration process of causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated at a specified starting time. A display controller is configured to display on a display screen a plurality of reservation subject icons representing the reservation subjects and a time display area of a calendar for performing the reservation registration. When the reservation subject icon is moved onto the time based display area, a reservation information display division is

displayed in a pop-up display at a position on the time base display area onto which the reservation subject icon is moved. The reservation information display division displays information corresponding to a location on said time base display area to which said reservation subject icon is moved. A controlling mechanism is configured to perform the information reservation registration taking a time according to the information displayed in the reservation information display division on the time base display area as a starting time of the process of the reservation subject. A selection mechanism is configured to receive input media for the arbitrary reservation subject. The input media has at least one component. The selection mechanism operates to select and mix formats of the at least one component of the media. A conversion mechanism appropriately converts the formats of the at least one component of the media so that the input media for the arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed. A process control mechanism controls the performance of the reservation subject according to the starting time of the reservation time.

Independent Claim 7 is directed to a method of reservation registration for performing a reservation registration process of causing an arbitrary reservation subject to be manipulated at a specified starting time. A plurality of reservation subject icons representing the reservation subjects and a time based display area of a calendar for performing the reservation registration are displayed on the display screen. When the reservation subject icon is moved onto the time based display area, a reservation information display division is displayed in pop-up display at a position on the time base display area onto which the reservation subject icon is moved. The reservation information display division displays information corresponding to a location on said time base display area to which said reservation subject icon is moved. The reservation registration is performed taking a time according to information displayed in the reservation information display division on the time based display area as a starting time of the process of the reservation subject. Input media for

the arbitrary reservation subject is received where the input media has at least one

component. Formats of the at least one component of the media are selected and mixed.

Formats of the at least one component of the media are appropriately converted so that the

input media for the arbitrary reservation subject can be properly performed. The performance

of the reservation subject is controlled according to the starting time of the reservation time.

Claim 13 is directed to, *inter alia*, a computer readable medium storing computer

program instructions.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15 and 19-25 under 35 U.S.C.

§103(a) over Matoba et al. in view of Pietropaolo et al., neither Matoba et al. nor Pietropaolo

et al. disclose or suggest displaying a reservation information display division in pop-up

display at a position on the time base display area onto which a reservation subject icon is

moved, the reservation information display division displaying information corresponding to

a location on the time based display area to which the reservation subject icon is moved and a

controlling mechanism configured to perform reservation registration taking a time according

to the information displayed in the reservation information display division.

The Office Action recognizes that Matoba et al. does not teach a time based display

area that enables an icon to be moved onto the display area with the display area displaying

the corresponding time division. However, Applicants respectfully disagree with the

Advisory Action's assertion that Pietropaolo et al. provides the deficiencies of Matoba et al.

As discussed at column 11, line 52 *et seq.* any clip to be incorporated into the program may

be dragged and dropped into program window 50 at a point in the time line. However, this

does not correspond to the features of Claims 1, 7 and 13. The time line is a permanent part

of the display, not a pop-up. Neither Matoba et al. nor Pietropaolo et al. disclose a pop-up

display. Davis does not provide the deficiencies of Matoba et al. and Pietropaolo et al. In

Davis, pop-up display 34 does not relate to an area on a time base display onto which a

reservation icon is moved. Furthermore the information displayed in pop-up display 34 is not used to perform reservation registration. Instead the information has already been entered.

Neither Protheroe et al. nor Crow et al. cure the deficiencies of Matoba et al., Pietropaolo et al. and Davis as discussed above.
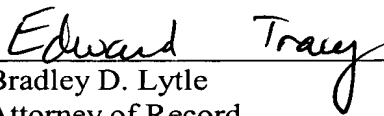
The remaining dependent claims are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above as well as for the individual features they recite. Withdrawal of the rejection of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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